

my Dear son

Boston Nov^r 24. 1778

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I have the pleasure to Inform you of the safe arrival
of Mr Cullter who is welcome to us all on your acct: we hear
nothing of the other Rebels you mentioned your Letter & Copies
by Mr Cullter I rec^d: viz Aug^r 24 & 30. Sept^r 13. 14. 15. Which are
Originals to us — note the Contents shall Indever comply
with your Desire in every particular as far as in my power
your ship is saild from hence to Cape Ann to Capt^s beach
her number of men I woud have been for if the Capt had not
been taken sick we sent an Express of enquiring your
Orders to sell her I have Orderd her up to Boston & shall
sell her for as much as she will fetch it was my Opinion
to have sold her at first I now think better to sell her then
send her to the Southward the Insurance can't be made under
50: or 70%^t We woud not leave scarcely a possibility of profit
tho' your Brother did not think that he was a likely to alter
your plan otherwise I should have prevailed on him to assist
Mr Cullter is now back a remarkable head where the Rebels arrivd
to get the good I send them up to Boston where I expect to
get at least 12 for one — Cullter say, he will settle his
Bills when he comes back I expect he will set off for Congress
next week with your acct: Robt Bills I hope will pay
he lives at Newbury you know he is longht to pay money I
shall say him some of your Observations on my Mill I very
woud be glad to hear some things you say gives me, but you of

Did ever such a thought enter my heart no. & I think you never had
reason to suspect it no God knows my heart denied is that my
children may be usefull wise & good in this world & happy in
the World to come & my Will is to contribute to it all in my power
& where in I fail in this respect I should thank any of children to
tell me of it. I could wish with all my heart that my children would
make my Will for me & if it was such as they & their mother liked I would
with pleasure sign it — The ground of my mentioning any thing
to you on the subject was your Brother is some times discontented have
reflected on me as tho' I was partial in your favour having gain
more for you then for him but your Sister would sooner die then
think or say any such thing no God forbid I love them as you
do Mr. Sommers drop a tear for joy & praise they are of their Brother
& I am pleas'd to see it its hard for a Father to be upbraid'd who is
conscious he does not deserve it & as sincerely rejoices in the suc
cess of his children as any man in the world & willing to do as
far as his ability will admit — I now inclose you my
Will for 125 £ 5 Lires to be intred in Gods Booke a Tea & 10 sh^p as
soon as possible I wish to settle your Interest & shall comit
to you as soon as I can & other is now drawing & an offer
Notes such as are intitled to off^r Will for the Interest are not
to be had 10 off^r already has been offer'd & I must take some
out of the Office if I cant do better for you. Inclose you ^{have} small
Bill which I took — I will pass it to my credit I hope you observe
that there is no finch in Trade I expect you negotiate for me as
or on the same termes you do for others —
I shall at all times be as carefull of your Interest as my own —

m Tuller brought up in abundance the shunks you was so good & kind
to me giving me the offer of them if they filled me I have now one of them
and am more comfortable I never had this cold weather I thank you
for them but must divert on paying the cost then it will remain
a Bangor present shall give your aut. credit for 5/2 d. worth

I had a letter ^{from} M^r J^r Cautley ^{at Rockport} & C^o a division of two Brigs
sailing the 4th & 14th of July to the adv^{ce} of Simon Deane & C^o of
Virginia but if by any means they or either of them should
put in at Boston they were adv^{is}d to me one of them Capt
Grube in the brig Enterprise was taken by a British man
of War & after 70 hours retaken by one of our Frigates the
Merion & brought in here I have claim'd her & shall
secure 2/3 of the cargo of salt & Brigs the Colonial Agents
I think on Fair in the matter I was opⁱⁿ
till he got her into the port & claim'd
I have the Brig to the Wharfe & unladed the Brig
from one of the men the name of the ship was adv^{is}d
them that there was no one to take care of the property
for them this will be laid on your Father Character
Set it right with M^r D^r Brandroft & Cautley & C^o if you can
m^r Deane & M^r J^r was stop likewise I have got them & send
them forward & M^r J^r on the subject I have got an answer
your Friend Tuller who is Governor General & we are determin'd
for the credit of our Country & safety of our friend's property to
be known in this matter ^{he} without any but his own authority
Break Bulk unladed & has sold a good part of the cargo
the Trial does not come on Before the 15 of next month

I relate you matter of fact & am sorry that any officer
 should make so free with property that he had no right to
 I shall if I can't have the matter settled properly & apply
 to State the Affair to some of my friends in Congress

Believe me ever your Affectionate Father
 P.S. Capt & John Bradford the agent know find Ben Williams
 now that the dispute was being badly adjusted

Mr Jonathan Williams

Merchant

Swains



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 Williams in Nov. 24. 1778
 Dec. 10. 1779.
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